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TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, JM, US

SUBJECT: PATTERSON VISIT

REFERENCE: KINGSTON 882

1. AMBASSADOR RATTRAY CALLED ON ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY

LUERS FEBRUARY 23 AND 25 TO DISCUSS PATTERSON VISIT AND TO
SEEK ADVICE ON HOW JAMAICANS COULD MOST EFFECTIVELY PRESENT
THEIR CASE. RATTRAY WAS NOT PREPARED TO GO INTO SPECIFICS
BUT HE INDICATED CLEARLY THAT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IS THEIR
DOMINANT INTEREST. HE PROBED FOR SIGNS THAT US WOULD MAKE
AID CONDITIONAL ON POLITICAL FACTORS. HE ALSO COMPLAINED
ABOUT REVERE'S ATTITUDE AND US FAILURE TO ACCORD JAMAICA
GSP ELIGIBILITY FOR SUGAR.

2. LUERS SAID USG WANTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH JAMAICA
AND IS DISPOSED TO LISTEN SYMPATHETICALLY TO ANY JAMAICAN
REQUESTS. HE POSED NO POLITICAL CONDITIONS BUT STRESSED
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IMPORTANCE OF OVERALL RELATIONSHIP. LUERS ALSO CAUTIONED
RATTRAY NOT TO HAVE UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS THAT USG
COULD PROVIDE MASSIVE AID ON SHORT NOTICE.

3. IN SECOND MEETING (PRESUMABLY AFTER COMMUNICATING WITH
KINGSTON), RATTRAY SAID PATTERSON INTENDS TO GIVE THE
SECRETARY AN OUTLINE OF JAMAICA'S SITUATION IN ECONOMIC

TERMS. PATTERSON MAY THEN INDICATE AREAS WHERE ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED. HOWEVER, RATTRAY SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR TECHNICIANS TO MEET TO DISCUSS THE MAGNITUDE AND PACE OF US ASSISTANCE IN ANTICIPATION OF A VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER MANLEY.

4. LUERS ENCOURAGED FRANK, CONCRETE DISCUSSION OF JAMAICA'S NEEDS. HE SAID WE WILL HAVE CLEARER VIEW OF PROSPECTS FOR MANLEY VISIT AFTER THE MEETING WITH PATTERSON.

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